

a few tribes in retaining O'Connor & Hannan on the Hudson matter, ultimately only the St. Croix responded positively.¹³⁶ The St. Croix's retainer agreement called for Corcoran and Kitto to "assume overall responsibility" for the account, but also to "draw upon the assistance, as needed, of others in the firm."¹³⁷

A principal reason for executing the retainer agreement on Feb. 7 was so that O'Connor & Hannan would be in a position to participate in the meeting with senior Interior officials in Congressman Oberstar's office, which was scheduled for Feb. 8. On Feb. 6, Kitto sent Lewis Taylor a memo (on MPA letterhead) juxtaposing the unexecuted retainer agreement and the importance of attending the meeting. "[H]opefully," Kitto wrote, "we can finalize [the agreement] in Washington this Wednesday [Feb. 8th]." Kitto noted in the memo that Taylor's name had been added to the list of participants for the meeting in Oberstar's office. The memo also informed the St. Croix chairman that Patrick O'Connor was "working with Secretary Babbitt's office to confirm his participation in the meeting."¹³⁸ The memo concluded:

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and Wisconsin to lobby the Congress and the Clinton Administration and KILL THE HUDSON DOG TRACK ISSUE forever. (Emphasis in original.)

¹³⁶By this time, O'Connor & Hannan was no longer representing the Buffalo Brothers or Little Six.

¹³⁷Letter from Thomas Corcoran to Lewis Taylor, Feb. 7, 1995.

¹³⁸As early as Jan. 20, 1995, records suggest Corcoran and O'Connor discussed the Hudson dog track issue in conjunction with O'Connor & Hannan's possible representation of the Prairie Island Sioux. On Feb. 2, Corcoran and O'Connor had another telephone conversation about Hudson, this time in conjunction with the firm's likely representation of the St. Croix tribe. Billing records summarize the conversation as "regarding forthcoming meeting with Duffy of Interior regarding creating trust lands at Hudson, Wisconsin dog track for a casino and need to contact Thomas Collier." Billing records evidence a similar conversation between Corcoran and
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